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12/18/2012

Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

Tuesday, November 27, 2012  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
401 N. Morton St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:00 p.m.

**Board Present:** John Carter, Les Coyne, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

**Staff Present:** Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, John Turnbull, Julie Ramey, Robin Hobson, Bev Johnson, Steve Cotter, Kim Ecenbarger, Ellen Campbell, Dave Williams, Marcia Veldman

**City Admin:** Miah Michaelson, Economic and Sustainable Development

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2012 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted October 24 – November 26, 2012
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Mr. Coyne seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES**

**B-1. Public Comment Period**

James McNamara addressed the Board and expressed his concerns for the deer task force and the recommendations on page 100 that are in the proposed resolution that is being presented to City Council on December 6. The proposal includes public deer kill on City Parks' properties, specifically at Griffy Lake. Mr. McNamara feels the Board needs to establish a clear policy regarding Board action on killing deer on any Parks and Recreation managed properties. He encouraged the public to visit his website: [www.deerprudence.org](http://www.deerprudence.org). He stated that he used to work for the City and has a genuine regard for the Parks staff and the department and knows that the department will make a good decision regarding deer kill on properties managed by the department. He also has a great deal of respect for the Board, and the relationship between the Board and staff. He feels this mutual respect allows for good decisions and sound policies.

Mr. Renneisen and the Board stated that there are multiple departments and agencies involved in this decision and it will take more discussion to determine the outcome of this issue. He asked the Board to provide staff with some guidance so staff can make an informed, responsible decision moving forward.

Mr. Coyne congratulated the staff on another outstanding Holiday Market!

Mr. Renneisen stated that the Department was recently awarded another National Softball Tournament for 2014. This tournament will be Girls 12 and Under Fastpitch with an anticipated 100+ teams attending the tournament.

**B-2. Bravo Award – Sasha Divine**

Ms. Hobson addressed the Board and stated that the November Bravo Award winner is Shasha Divine for his volunteer time with the Bloomington Community Farmers' Market. Mr. Divine is a 17-year resident of Bloomington and his hobbies include hiking, biking, camping, and cooking. He attended Bloomington High School South and Indiana University where he earned a degree in Outdoor Recreation. His joy of cooking led him to pursue a career as a chef and he is currently the head chef at the Trailhead Market at Pine Grove where he uses local products in his dishes. He began volunteering with the Market in an effort to become a more active community member and to meet new friends and old while helping support the local food system economy.

Mr. Divine addressed the Board and stated that he has lived here for more than 15 years and feels Bloomington is a very special place. He's very happy to have been a part of the Farmers' Market.

B-3. Parks Partner Award – None this month

B-4. Staff Recognition – None this month

**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Ivy Tech and Fairview Elementary School for Art on the B-Line Trail

Ms. Michaelson addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Ivy Tech and Fairview Elementary School for art on the B-Line Trail. She stated that she was approached over a year ago by Jeffrey Allen from Ivy Tech regarding a collaborative project with Fairview Elementary School and an art project on the B-Line Trail. Ivy Tech has been working with the school on an "Artful Learning" project. Based on the Artful Learning concept of "transformation," local ceramics artist Marcy Meiditz will work with students in Kindergarten and grade six to create a ceramic tile mural. The mural will be an interactive wall sculpture configured as two L-shaped walls approximately 42" high and 42" in length that create a maze and is ADA accessible. It will be located on the trail closest to Fairview Elementary School. It will be an interactive learning opportunity for the students and the community and will give the students a sense of ownership of the trail. The design allows for the opportunity to expand the project in the future. The project should be completed in the spring of 2013. The City will assume basic site maintenance, including reasonable upkeep and general repair, for the life of the work. Ivy Tech will replace any broken or damaged tiles for the life of the project.

Mr. Renneisen added that this really is a partnership agreement between Ivy Tech and Fairview Elementary, but wanted to present it to the Park Board for approval since the project is on Parks property.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the partnership agreement between Ivy Tech and Fairview Elementary School. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Donation Agreement to Construct a Foot Bridge at Cascades Golf Course

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board seeking approval of the donation agreement to construct a foot bridge at Cascades Golf Course. He stated that staff was approached by a long time participant, Rob Parry, regarding his desire to have a walking bridge on Ridge hole #1 and he offered to pay for it. The bridge spans over a small gully and cuts several yards off walking if not using a golf cart. City Legal has worked out an agreement with the donor for the \$2,200 bridge, and the work was completed a week ago. Staff is satisfied with the work and the placement of the bridge. As specified in the agreement, the department now has possession of the donated bridge and assumes any potential maintenance associated with it.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the donation agreement for the foot bridge at Cascades Golf Course. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board thanked Mr. Parry for this generous gesture!

C-3. Review/Approval of 2013 Proposed Fee Schedule

Mr. Renneisen stated that the draft 2013 Fee Schedule was presented to the Board at the October meeting and the Board and public have had a month to review it.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the 2013 Fee Schedule. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **D. REPORTS**

D-1. Operations Division – No Report

D-2. Recreation Division – No Report

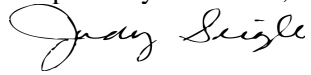
D-3. Sports Division – No Report

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners